

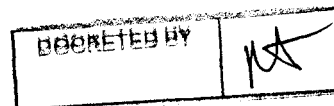
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BEFORE THE
ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LLC, IN)
CONFORMANCE WITH THE)
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED)
STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE)
SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION)
PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE)
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW 500 KV)
TRANSMISSION LINES AND)
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ORIGINATING)
AT A NEW SUBSTATION (SUNZIA EAST))
IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,)
AND TERMINATING AT THE PINAL)
CENTRAL SUBSTATION IN PINAL)
COUNTY, ARIZONA. THE ARIZONA)
PORTION OF THE PROJECT IS LOCATED)
WITHIN GRAHAM, GREENLEE,)
COCHISE, PINAL, AND PIMA COUNTIES.)

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05(A)(4) and A.C.C. 14-3-208(F), I am hereby filing a
Notice of Intent to Become a Party to the above-referenced proceedings as an individual. I
understand that my request to intervene as an individual will be reviewed by the Committee on
October 19, 2015 and decided at that time. In the interim I will prepare and exchange testimony
and solicit witnesses to be fully prepared to participate if the Line Siting Committee Chair
approves my request. My full contact information is included below, and all documents should
be served upon me.

Regarding my qualifications in these proceedings, I have lived most of my life in
Arizona, moving from California to Tucson with my family in 1951. I am a retired Registered
Nurse who specialized in Emergency and Critical Care Services and have lived in Tucson

1 continuously since 1980. I first became familiar with the San Pedro River Valley as a child when
2 my grandfather would take me on trips to visit old mine sites to collect mineral specimens to sell
3 at my grandparent's business, the Mission Curio Mart, and at the Tucson Gem and Mineral
4 Show, which they helped establish. The love of natural world they instilled in me has continued
5 throughout my life and I enjoy camping, hiking, watching and photographing nature. As an adult,
6 I would often visit friends in Bisbee in the 1970s. I subsequently lived in Bisbee and worked as a
7 nurse at both the Copper Queen and Douglas Hospitals from 1978-1980.

8 In March of 1999, I became a member of Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation
9 Plan (SDCP) Steering Committee and served as such until the submission of the Steering
10 Committee's Report to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, which was accepted in June of
11 2003. The SDCP was created to form the scientific basis of the environmental component of the
12 state-mandated Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Pima County's pending Multi-species Habitat
13 Conservation Plan (MSCP) under the federal Endangered Species Act. In 2003, I served on the
14 Steering Committee's Ad Hoc sub-committee that developed recommendations for the full
15 Steering Committee's final report. In 2004, I served on the Pima County Conservation Bond
16 Committee, developing recommendations for acquisition priorities for Pima County's mitigation
17 under the pending MSCP and publicly supported the successful 2004 \$174.3 million dollar bond
18 for Open Space. I served on Pima County's Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan
19 Implementation Committee from March – December 2005, focusing on more detailed
20 recommendations regarding permit duration, mitigation ratios, a monitoring program for science-
21 based adaptive management and other details of the implementation strategy.

22 Pima County subsequently acquired three ranches in northeastern Pima County under the
23 Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan to conserve
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1 open space and mitigate development impacts, and SunZia has now been routed directly across
2 them.

3 In 2006, I publicly supported the Pima County Regional Transportation Authority's
4 (RTA) successful sales tax funding mechanism for a balanced \$2.1 billion dollar 20-year
5 transportation plan that included \$45 million dollars for wildlife linkage infrastructure. I have
6 served on the Pima Association of Government's Environmental Planning Advisory Committee
7 since 2007, the RTA Wildlife Linkages Working Group since its inception, the Arizona
8 Department of Transportation's State Route 77 Wildlife Linkages Technical Advisory
9 Committee since 2010, and was invited this year to serve on the Department of Interior's Desert
10 Landscape Conservation Cooperative Landscape Conservation Planning and Design Committee.

11 In 1997, I began to volunteer with the Tucson Audubon Society (TAS) which hosts
12 public environmental educational programs, including Riparian Institutes, some of which have
13 been located along the lower San Pedro River near Dudleyville. I took the opportunity to learn
14 more about southeast Arizona's natural wonders, which deepened my appreciation for the San
15 Pedro Valley and its rich biological resources.

16 My husband and I have owned 40 acres of land in southern Pinal County, off of Park
17 Links Road north of the Tortolita Mountains, since 1998. I have addressed the Pinal County
18 Board of Supervisors and Planning and Zoning Commission regarding land use decisions since
19 1998 and, between 2007 – 2012, I was actively involved with the Pinal Partnership Open Space
20 and Trails Committee which assisted in providing a public forum to solicit input for and refine
21 the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Pinal County Wildlife Linkages Assessment and the
22 environmental element of the state-mandated Pinal County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed
23 route will directly impact and fragment lands identified by Pinal County to be protected as open
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1 space, trails and parks. I have publicly supported the creation, acquisition and expansion of Pima
2 County's Tortolita Mountain Park in Pinal County and the purchase by Pima County of ranches
3 in the San Pedro Valley that extend into Pinal County. The proposed SunZia alignment will
4 exacerbate fragmentation the Palo Verde Ranch which encompasses approximately 90 square
5 miles along the northern aspect of the Tortolita Mountains, directly impacting my neighbors near
6 Owl Head Buttes and Desert Peak and my enjoyment of the area.

7 Given my long-standing involvement with and commitment to the conservation of Pima,
8 Pinal, and Cochise Counties and the biodiversity of southeastern Arizona, including San Pedro
9 Valley lands, I have a strong personal interest in how this project will affect them. I have been
10 involved in assessing and commenting on the impacts of the SunZia proposal on these lands
11 since the project was announced in 2009 and have worked with others since on finding ways to
12 protect them from adverse impacts.

13 I have continued to follow the project after the release of the Final EIS and have
14 anticipated participating in proceedings at the Arizona Corporation Commission as SunZia seeks
15 a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for their project.

16 My intervention would not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Specific concerns that I
17 have include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- 18 • The potential harm to Arizona's cultural and natural environment, most importantly to
19 the San Pedro Valley, Pima County's Conservation Lands and pending MSCP mitigation,
20 Pinal County's Comprehensive Plan, the Willcox Playa, and potential Arizona Wildlife
21 Linkages along the preferred Arizona route, most importantly in the San Pedro Valley
- 22 • The potential economic, ecosystem services and other environmental costs of the project

23 I will continue to abide by the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative
24 Code governing the Line Siting process as well as Chairman Chenal's Procedure Order of
September 11, 2015 and subsequent modifications to it. I will await a decision on my status to

1 intervene by the Committee at the beginning of the hearing on October 19, 2015. In the interim I
2 will prepare and exchange a summary of my testimony and exhibits with others before the
3 Prehearing Conference and arrange witnesses so that I am prepared to participate in the event the
4 Committee approves my request to be an intervenor. I understand that the hearing will
5 commence on October 19, 2015 in Willcox, Arizona and will continue in Tucson and Casa
6 Grande, with a possible extension in Florence. I have served a copy of this notice this 7th day of
7 October 2015 to each party of record in the case, as noted below.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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